

SENATE No. 1545

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susan C. Tucker

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring local approval from neighboring communities in energy facility siting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
William G. Greene, Jr.	22nd Middlesex
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Allen J. McCarthy	7th Plymouth
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Linda Dean Campbell	15th Essex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REQUIRING LOCAL APPROVAL FROM NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES IN ENERGY FACILITY SITING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, all local
2 approval or permitting required by a host municipality for the siting of an energy facility
3 approved by the Energy Facilities Siting Board must also be required by neighboring
4 municipalities located less than 6 miles in linear distance from the facility. Said linear distance
5 shall be measured from the outermost perimeter of such facility to the outermost point of the
6 aforementioned zones; provided, however that any such facility in operation on January 1,
7 20089, shall not be subject to this act.